

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 661

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Judge William B. Cain for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Judge William B. Cain has dutifully and honorably served the State of Tennessee and its citizens in a number of capacities since 1965; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cain was born on January 30, 1932, in Old Hickory; he served in the United States Army Corps of Military Police for two years before attending Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, after contributing to Tennessee history by acting as a delegate to the State's 1965 Constitutional Convention, Judge Cain earned his law degree from Cumberland University School of Law in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cain served as City Attorney for the city of Columbia, Tennessee, until 1973, when he embarked on the private practice of law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cain dedicated his time and services to the American Legion of Tennessee, acting as State Commander from 1969 to 1970; he also served from 1971 to 1996, as a Member of the National Legislative Commission on behalf of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Judge Cain earned a Certificate of Continuous Membership for over fifty years of consistent loyalty and dedication to the ideals and programs of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Governor Lamar Alexander appointed Judge Cain Circuit Judge of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District, comprising Maury, Wayne, Lawrence, and Giles Counties; he was elected by the voters in 1988, and re-elected in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cain was appointed to the Tennessee Court of Appeals in 1998 by Governor Don Sundquist and retained by the voters later that year; having earned the respect of

the bench and the bar for his eloquence and thoughtful opinions, which are frequently enhanced by his understanding of and appreciation for legal and legislative history, he was retained by voters again in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Judge Cain was recognized by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates as Appellate Judge of the Year for his outstanding service, for his courage, and for his dedication to preserving the right of civil trial by jury for the citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during his legal career, Judge Cain has served the bench and the bar by aiding in the creation of the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program and serving as an initial Commissioner thereon; assisting in the revision and improvement of the Tennessee Pattern Civil Jury Instructions; serving as President of the Maury County Bar Association and as a member of the Tennessee Bar Association and the Tennessee Bar Foundation; and lecturing on the law governing veterans' affairs and national defense; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cain has devoted much of his professional career to the service of the State of Tennessee and its citizens, performing his duties with great kindness and humility while adhering to high standards of professional ethics; he is revered by the legal community as meticulous in detail and learned in the law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cain, in addition to his singular professional accomplishments, has been blessed in his marriage to his life-long partner, Martha Sue Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Cain are the proud parents of two children and are the grandparents of four grandchildren who are sources of great joy and comfort to them; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body expresses for the people of the State of Tennessee its profound appreciation and gratitude to Judge William B. Cain for his dedicated service and commends him for the excellence he has continually demonstrated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be sent to Judge William B. Cain, Tennessee Supreme Court Building, Nashville, Tennessee, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

